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Investigation of offences by Superintendents of Police.

* 1455 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendents of Police of the several districts do personally investigate into the offences reported, if so, which of the Superintendents have done so, in how many cases and the nature of such cases;

(b) whether such investigations were made independently or with the aid of Circle or Sub Inspectors of Police;

(c) whether such investigations were made long after the completion of investigation by subordinate officers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Superintendents of Police direct their subordinate officers to bring the witnesses to the place of their camping for examining them;

(e) whether there are any instances in which the Superintendents of Police secured any substantial evidence which had not been secured by their subordinate officers; and

(f) whether there is any return prescribed to show in how many cases such investigation was made by the Superintendents of Police, and if so, whether such return will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government have no information; they have called for it.

(f) No such return has been prescribed.

Village Courts Act

Amendment of the Village Courts Act.

* 1456 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to question No. 944 answered on 31st October 1927 put by Mr. A. B. Shetty, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have considered and decided upon the desirability of amending the Village Courts Act in order to enable holders of village panchayat court decrees to have them executed in the same manner as those passed by District Munsifs and other civil courts; and

(b) whether Government have under consideration any other amendments?

A.—(a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) No.

Indian Civil Service

Vernacular knowledge of Indian Civil Service officers.

* 1457 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether every European officer belonging to the Indian Civil Service or other cadre is bound to learn one or more vernaculars of the Presidency;

(b) whether he is paid an additional allowance for learning the vernacular language;

(c) whether such allowance is enhanced according to the number of vernacular languages he learns;

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(d) whether such allowance is paid for the acquisition of fair knowledge in those languages or for merely passing certain tests prescribed in those vernaculars;

(e) whether such knowledge is intended to be used in the discharge of his duties such as passing orders in vernacular, etc.;

(f) if so, how far this is being practised;

(g) if it is not so, what is the object of Government in prescribing the vernacular tests, for the officers, by holding out additional inducement such as payment of allowances; and

(h) whether there are any officers who have passed such tests and are able to write and converse freely in the vernaculars?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) to (h) The answer to (b) is in the negative.

Land Assignment

Assignment of certain lands to Mr. Narasappa of Ujjini.

* 1458 Q.—MR. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) for how many years a portion of S. No. 345 has been in the occupation and enjoyment of Karnam Narasappa of Ujjini, Kudligi taluk, Bellary district;

(b) whether on his application for patta, the portion in his enjoyment was subdivided in or about 1918 with a view to its transfer to assessment and assignment on patta;

(c) whether Narasappa did apply for patta even in 1926;

(d) whether the portion applied for by Narasappa has however been since reserved for assignment to depressed classes;

(e) whether the members of the depressed classes themselves are not anxious for its assignment to them and have in fact sent representations to that effect; and

(f) whether Narasappa has petitioned to the Government for assignment of the extent hitherto in his occupation and, if so, with what result?

A.—The only information the Government have on the subject is that a petition was received from Karnam Narasappa about the assignment of some land in Ujjini village and was transferred to the Collector of Bellary for disposal on 4th October 1927 as the petitioner did not enclose copies of the orders of the subordinate authorities or indicate that they had even been approached in the matter.

MR. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know what the orders of the Collector are on the petition that was transferred to him by the Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I shall ascertain, Sir."